House Resolution No. 474

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a leader of his community; and

Whereas, Michael P. Toney, D.O., an esteemed resident of Piedmont, Missouri, will be honored as the 2002 Piedmont Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year during the organization's Banquet to be held March 25, 2003; and

Whereas, a native of Piedmont, Dr. Toney graduated from Clearwater High School in 1970 and received his undergraduate degree from Southeast Missouri State University in 1974 before earning his Doctor of Osteopathy from the Kansas City College of Osteopathy in 1979; and

Whereas, a family doctor for twenty-three years who holds certification in family practice from the American Osteopathy Board of Family Practice, Dr. Toney moved back to Piedmont in 1980 and established the Piedmont Family Clinic and Pharmacy in 1995; and

Whereas, Dr. Toney has compiled an enviable list of service to the Piedmont community through the important roles he has played as a volunteer with the city and rural fire departments, Assistant Fire Chief, Treasurer of the Clearwater Fire Protection District, and member of the Piedmont Ambulance Board, Piedmont Fairgrounds Board, and the Piedmont Area Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, a respected leader of youth who has made a difference in the lives of countless young men as the Scoutmaster of Troop #65, Dr. Toney is a former Boy Scout who earned the Eagle Scout Award as a young man and the Silver Beaver Award for his continuing support of the Scouting program into adulthood; and

Whereas, Dr. Toney is a devout Christian and member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where he has glorified the Lord as a Sunday School Teacher, Lay Speaker, Chairman of the Building Committee, and organizer of several "Promise Keepers" trips:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Dr. Toney at this proud moment of well-deserved recognition, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Citizen of the Year, Dr. Michael P. Toney.

Offered by ___

Representative Rod Jetton Speaker Pro Tem District No. 156

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 474, adopted February 25, 2003.